Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Without referring to the Regulation I cannot answer that question. There is a specific Regulation on the subject and unless one reads and understands the relevant sections of the Regulation I cannot give a correct or reliable answer to a question like this.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is it the opinion of the Government that an Ayurvedic Physician is not competent to say whether a patient can stand the strain of vaccination and fever at a particular time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have given their answer in sub-division (4).

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—In view of the untoward incidents at Trippunittura, does the Government think that there is a necessity to alter the rules framed under the Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think that an amendment of the rule is necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The rule is compulsory vaccination. Is it not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Cocoanut oil and copra export.

284. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) what is the quantity of cocoanut oil and copra exported from Cochin Port during the last 5 years showing the quantity for each year.

(b) of such quantity, how much went to other ports in India, Burmah, and how much elsewhere;

(c) what was the average selling price of cocoanut oil in Bombay, Calcutta and Rangoon for the last 5 years and what is the selling price now?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Statistics of export through the British Port of Cochin are not available here. It was however ascertained from the Chamber of Commerce, Cochin, that 1,50,607 cwts. of cocoanut oil were exported from Cochin during the twelve months ending 30th June 1933.

(b) and (c). Information on these points is not available.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was the export of copra more or less in previous years? Have the Government any information?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have no information.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have not the Government cared to enquire till now on this point?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We wrote to the Port Officer. The information supplied by him is given.

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Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are not the Government aware that cocoanut is the mainstay of a large section of the people of the State ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—One of the mainstays.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are not the Government aware that the price has gone very low ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are not the Government aware that the people are suffering a great deal owing to the fall in price of cocoanut ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—People may be suffering or not, we do not know.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government enquired why the value of cocoanut has gone down ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The value of other articles also has gone down. In the same way the value of cocoanut also has gone down.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government enquired the reason for the value of the cocoanut having gone down ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No special enquiry was made.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was the dumping of Ceylon Copra one of the reasons for the low value of the cocoanut here ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is so.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Have the Government taken any step in this matter ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have addressed the Imperial Government.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has any reply been received ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No final reply has been received.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to collect the information ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—What information, please ?

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—The quantity of copra exported in previous years.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—From the ports of Malabar the information can be given. Not particularly from Cochin.

Cocoanut oil and copra import.

285. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the quantity of cocoanut oil and copra imported into Cochin from Ceylon for the last 5 years showing the quantity for each year ;

(b) what were the rates of duty levied during the last 5 years on cocoanut oil and copra imported into Cochin from Ceylon ?

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